



PATENT APPLICATION



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of:       | ) |                                 |            |
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| ••                          | : | Examiner: Jeanine Anne Goldberg |            |
| TETSUYA YANO ET AL.         | ) |                                 |            |
|                             | : | Group Art Unit: 1634            | <b>C</b> C |
| Application No.: 09/819,667 | ) |                                 | i i        |
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| Filed: March 29, 2001       | ) |                                 |            |
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| For: NUCLEIC ACID FRAGMENT  | ) |                                 | AVAILABL   |
| PRIMER OR PROBE, AND        | : |                                 |            |
| METHOD OF DETECTING         | ) |                                 |            |
| POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE        | : |                                 | 50         |
| SYNTHESIZING                | ) |                                 |            |
| MICROORGANISM BY USING      | : |                                 |            |
| THE SAME .                  | ) | August 15, 2002                 |            |
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| Commissioner for Patents    |   |                                 | -          |

## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 15, 2002, kindly amend the

subject application as follows:

Washington, D.C. 20231

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| Signature August 15, 2002  Date of Signature   |  |  |  |